

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re patent application of:)	
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RANEY et al.)	Before the Examiner
)	Hoekstra, Jeffrey Gerben
Application No. 10/729,546)	
)	Group Art Unit
Filed December 05, 2003)	3736
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SAMPLING DEVICES AND METHODS)	
UTILIZING A HORIZONTAL CAPILLARY)	
TEST STRIP)	Confirmation No. 1896

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Introductory Comments

In response to the Office Action dated December 18, 2006, please enter the following amendments and remarks in the above-mentioned patent application.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any extensions of time as well as any additional fees or credit any overcharges to Deposit Account No. 23-3030, but not to include any payment of issue fees.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page **2** of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page **9** of this paper.